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past. Every province in Canada is represented in the Cabinet today. Such was also the case in the first administration I formed.

Let your thoughts go back to the convention of 1919; what was the position of the Liberal party at that time? The country had been through a great war. In the course of that war divisions had inevitably been created. After the formation of the Union Government and the introduction of conscription, the party was openly divided. In the election which took place under the War Times Election Act the Liberals were left with a mere handful of members in the House of Commons. The convention of 1919 helped to bring members of the party together. From that time on, though we encountered many difficulties, we became stronger and stronger. As the years went by, past differences were forgotten, old wounds were healed. We became again a united party.

Nor did we achieve the results we did because times and conditions were easy. We encountered more difficulties at the time we came into office than any previous government. You may recall that, at the time, the total Liberal representation in the House of Commons from the western provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia did not exceed six in all. Moreover, we were confronted with the